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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Blythe – More Than 20 Pounds of Heroin Seized at Arizona-California Border

(U) US Border Patrol officials say agents at the Arizona-California border arrested two Mexican nationals in violation of immigration status on 17 May, and seized more than 20 pounds of heroin estimated to be worth more than \$400,000. Agents conducting checks at the Greyhound Bus Station in Blythe, California came across the suspects and following a vehicle search, they discovered 19 packages of heroin hidden within their luggage and concealed in caulking tubes.

SOURCE: 19 May 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Sacramento – Norovirus Symptoms Reported at 30 Sacramento Schools

(U) Although the Sacramento Unified School District has not confirmed an official case of norovirus, 150 to 200 people in these schools experienced symptoms of the virus, according to officials. "I have never seen it to this capacity in my district before. I have had an outbreak at one school before a couple of times, but never over the course of several schools in our district," the school district nurse said. This news comes after more than 2,000 students and staff at Yolo County schools were sickened by the virus.

SOURCE: 18 May 2017, [KCRA News](#)

(U) Sacramento – Illegal Marijuana Grow Operations on the Rise in Sacramento Area

(U) Illegal marijuana grow operations are on the rise in the Sacramento area, according to law enforcement. Despite laws governing the legal cultivation of marijuana, law enforcement is concerned with larger commercial, illicit operations occurring in residential neighborhoods and associated crime—such as robbery and assault—according to media reporting. There may be more than 1,000 illicit commercial operations in city limits and more than 600 in Sacramento County, according to officials.

SOURCE: 18 May 2017, [CBS News](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Florida – ‘Shadow Brokers’ Threaten to Release More Hacking Tools

(U) Boca Raton – The hacker group Shadow Brokers, who claimed responsibility for releasing the alleged NSA tools that spread the “WannaCry” ransomware, says it has new tools to exploit vulnerabilities in newer software. Possible targets include Microsoft’s Windows 10—unaffected by the initial attack—which is present on about 500 million devices around the world, according to reporting. It is unclear if the Shadow Brokers genuinely have new tools, but Microsoft said it was taking precautionary measures.

SOURCE: 18 May 2017, [CIO Today](#)

(U) New York – One Dead and 22 Injured as Car Rams into Pedestrians in Times Square

(U) New York— A U.S. Navy veteran allegedly plowed his car into pedestrians in New York City's packed Times Square on Thursday, killing an 18-year-old woman and injuring 22 people. The city's mayor said there was no indication it was an act of terrorism. Witnesses said the motorist mounted the sidewalk in a burgundy Honda sedan and sped along for more than three city blocks, knocking people over before the car struck a pole and came to rest at 45th Street and Broadway in Midtown Manhattan.

SOURCE: 19 May 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) North Carolina – 83 Blood Gang Members Indicted in Massive Roundup

(U) Charlotte – In one of the largest indictments ever handed down in the Western District of North Carolina, 83 alleged members of the United Blood Nation gang were charged with various crimes, including racketeering, drug-dealing, and murder, according to a 163-page indictment. FBI agents and local police conducted raids across the Charlotte area at dawn yesterday, arresting most of the suspects without serious incident.

SOURCE: 18 May 2017, [ABC News](#)

(U) Tennessee – 25 Indicted in Major Drug Bust

(U) Memphis – Police announced the results of “Operation: Wait a Minute Mr. Postman” yesterday, indicting 25 people—including a US postal carrier—14 of whom are in custody and 11 still at-large. The operation—concluded in February—seized 42 pounds of marijuana, three kilograms of heroin, one kilogram of fentanyl, 421 grams of cocaine, 7,900 oxycodone pills, and 25 morphine pills. Police allege a US mail carrier had been ensuring packages got delivered to a known gang dealer.

SOURCE: 18 May 2017, [Fox News](#)

(U) Washington – US and Mexico Promise Plan to Fight Drug Cartels

(U) District of Columbia – The US Secretary of State and Mexico’s Foreign Minister pledged yesterday to step up efforts to jointly dismantle transnational criminal organizations trafficking in opioids, which increased production of illegal synthetic opioids by 400 percent since 2012. The US Centers for Disease Control added that since 2002, the US death rate from opioid overdoses has almost tripled. Details of the US and Mexican binational plan will be released in coming weeks.

SOURCE: 18 May 2017, [Arizona Public Media](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Australia – Police Reveal 70 Terrorism Investigations Underway across Australia

(U) Sydney – Authorities have about 70 active terrorism investigations ongoing across the country, as the Australian Security Investigation Organization (ASIO) signals concern that some children of foreign fighters may pose a jihadism risk if they return home. The number is significant because it shows the magnitude of potential plots advanced enough to launch investigations. The development also highlights the “ongoing trickle” of foreign fighters and their families returning home, according to the ASIO chief.

SOURCE: 19 May 2017, [Sydney Morning Herald](#)

(U) Cuba – Cuba Says Zika Tally Rises to Nearly 1,900 Cases

(U) Havana – Cuba said yesterday that 1,847 residents had so far contracted the mosquito-borne Zika virus, warning that certain provinces on the island still had high rates of infestation, despite a series of measures to stave off the epidemic. There is no preventive treatment against Zika, but drug companies are rushing to develop a vaccine. The virus has spread to more than 60 countries and territories since the current outbreak was identified in Brazil during 2015.

SOURCE: 18 May 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Iraq – ISIS Video Shows New Weapons, ‘American’ Urging Attacks in US

(U) ISIS has released a new video featuring a purportedly American fighter using the handle Abu Hamza al-Amriki. In the video the man called for lone-wolf attacks in the US, and displayed footage of new weapons ISIS has built—including drones, rovers, RPGs, and video-equipped guided missiles—according to security analysts at Flashpoint. While ISIS has doubled-down on calls for attacks on the US, few Americans have been featured in such videos.

SOURCE: 18 May 2017, [NBC News](#)

(U) Russia – “WannaCry” Cyberattack Compromised Some Russian Banks

(U) Moscow – The Central Bank of Russia (CBR) announced today that “WannaCry” compromised Russian banks' systems in some isolated cases, the first official acknowledgement by Moscow that the attack had an impact on the banking system. CBR said the consequences of the attack—which it did not detail—were dealt with quickly. CBR had previously said Russian banks were targeted in the cyberattack late last week, but that the attack had been unsuccessful.

SOURCE: 19 May 2017, [Reuters](#)

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